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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: OPERATION BUCCANEER

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ELI MATALON, MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND JUSTICE MAKING AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR THE ASIS-

TANCE OF THREE TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO ADVISE AND TRAIN JAMAICAN PERSONNEL IN THE DESTRUCTION OF MARIJUANA BY MEANS OF HERBICIDES AND IN CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAMS. THE LETTER ACTUALLY CALLS FOR TWO EXPERTS IN "CROP SPRAYING" AND ONE IN CROP SUBSTITUTION BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THE HERBICIDES PROGRAM.

2. LETTER AROSE FROM CONFERENCE WITH MATALON BY DEA OFFICERS (SALMI AND SEARS). IT WAS AGREED THAT ALL SPRAYING WOULD BE DONE BY JAMAICAN PERSONNEL USING JAMAICAN EQUIPMENT OR BY PRIVATELY OWNED EQUIPMENT UNDER CONTRACT TO THE JAMAICAN GOVT AND NO US GOVT PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT WOULD BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SPRAYING OPERATIONS. LIKEWISE ALL CHEMICALS AND HERBICIDES EMPLOYED WILL BE PURCHASED BY THE JAMAICAN GOVT THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. HOWEVER, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM EFFECT WITH THE GREATEST DEGREE OF SAFETY AND, HENCE, THE REQUEST FOR TWO SPRAYING EXPERTS. IN ADDITION, MATALON HOPES THAT THE SIMULTANEOUS MOUNTING OF A CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM WILL

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REDUCE THE ADVERS POLITICAL EFFECTS FROM SPRAYING.

3. DEA SALMI ASKED THAT DR. WALTER GENTNER, AGRICULTURAL RE-
SEARCH FACILITY, BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND, AND DR. QUINTIN JONES,
USDA BE INFORMED OF GOJ REQUEST AND ASK TO ASSIST IN MEETING IT.

4. REQUEST REPLY ASAP.
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